

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 287
By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Louise Littleton Davis.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember one of the outstanding women in the state of Tennessee, Louise Littleton Davis, an acclaimed historian, reporter, author, and preservationist; and

WHEREAS, it has been said that no other person had as much influence on initiating the move to save Union Station, nor has any Tennessean had a stronger desire for future Tennesseans to appreciate their heritage so that they could build a better future; and

WHEREAS, Louise Littleton Davis began her invaluable career with The Tennessean as a reporter in 1943, reporting from Holland, France, England and many other countries; and

WHEREAS, although she was best known for history, she covered a wide variety of topics from agriculture to juvenile crime; and

WHEREAS, it has been said that she knew more about Nashville and Tennessee history than any other person, she was key to the formation of the "Friends of Metro Archives" to help preserve historic documents and artifacts of early Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Louise Littleton Davis was a member of the Metro Historical Commission, the Tennessee Historical Society, the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities, and Christ Episcopal Church ; and

WHEREAS, she was a charter member of the Cheekwood Fine Arts Center and the Nashville Symphony Association; and

WHEREAS, she wrote prolifically, her books include Nashville Tales, More Nashville Tales, Snowballs in the White House, Children's Museum of Nashville: the First 30 Years, Frontier Tales of Tennessee and More Tales of Tennessee ; and

WHEREAS, many other contributions and accomplishments of this great woman may forever go unmentioned because of one of Louise Davis' most endearing qualities: modesty; and

WHEREAS, although Louise Littleton Davis has relinquished this life for a far better existence, her legacy of courage and dignity, tempered with intellect and compassion, will always be remembered; and

WHEREAS, it is only appropriate that this body express its heartfelt condolences to the many friends and family of this fondly remembered and important Tennessean, including her sister Marjorie C. Davis and brother Edward Earl Davis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we pause to mourn the death of Louise Littleton Davis, while also celebrating the life of this woman whose selfless contributions will be remembered in Tennessee history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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